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Letter dated 16 November 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I enclose a copy of a statement by the European Community and its member States on Guatemala and Belize, issued at Brussels on 12 November 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 36.

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ANNEX

Statement on Guatemala and Belize, issued by the European Community and its member States at Brussels on 12 November 1992

The European Community and its member States warmly welcomed President Serrano's statement of 5 September 1991 recognizing Belize as a sovereign independent State, and the subsequent establishment of diplomatic relations between Guatemala and Belize. This defused a source of regional tension, opened the way for Belize to play its full part in the region's political and economic life, and represented a major step towards a settlement of the long-standing dispute between the two countries.

The European Community and its member States now welcome the Guatemalan Constitutional Court's ruling on the constitutionality of the constructive actions taken last year by President Serrano. They look forward to a full and final settlement of the territorial issue with Belize before long.